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SUBJECT: THE IMPACT OF THE ARAB BOYCOTT ON FOREIGN

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

1. THE LITERAL APPLICATION OF ARAB BOYCOTT REGULATIONS TO AID-FINANCED PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRIES MAINTAINING THE BOYCOTT COULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF MAKING CERTAIN AMERICAN FIRMS AND SUPPLIERS INELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR AID-FINANCED PROJECTS. PRESUMABLY THE SAME POTENTIAL PROBLEMS APPLY TO DOMESTIC FIRMS OF OTHER OECD COUNTRIES.

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2. CAN YOU ADVISE US AS TO WHETHER SPECIFIC INSTANCES HAVE ARISEN IN BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS CONDUCTED BY THE UK AND GERMANY WHEREIN, PURSUANT TO THE ARAB BOYCOTT REGULATIONS, CERTAIN UK OR GERMAN FIRMS OR INDIVIDUALS WERE PREVENTED FROM BIDDING ON PROJECTS FINANCED BY THEIR OWN GOVERNMENTS? IF SUCH INCIDENTS OF BOYCOTT DISCRIMINATION HAVE OCCURRED, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW HOW THE DONOR COUNTRIES REACTED AND WHAT STEPS, IF ANY, WERE TAKDN TO EAL WITH THE PROBLEM.

3. IN ADDITION TO SPECIFIC FACT SITUATIONS CALLED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW IF

BONN OR LONDON HAVE MADE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS CONCERNING THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE ARAB BOYCOTT AS IT AFFECTS ISRAEL AND AS IT AFFECTS PRIVATE FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

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